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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, CIA

SUBJECT: Comments on EIC Subcommittee Activities by OSD (ex JCS) Members

1. In response to EIC Secretariat Memorandum of 14 September 1955, attached are comments by the Office of Secretary of Defense members of the following EIC subcommittees

- a. International Trade and Finance
- b. Transportation
- c. Chemicals
- d. Petroleum
- e. Metals and Minerals
- f. Industrial Machinery and Equipment
- g. Electric Power and Solid Fuels

OSD members of the Guided Missiles, and Food and Agriculture Subcommittees have been transferred and no replacements designated.

2. As a general comment, this office and other OSD offices are consumers of economic intelligence. With respect to certain activities such as East-West trade current intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc is available through other than EIC sources. The longer range projects of EIC are of value, however, to this activity. Many other OSD activities in the foreign field are concerned primarily with areas other than the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Since the major emphasis of EIC is on Bloc intelligence, its work often has no direct value.

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As stated above

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